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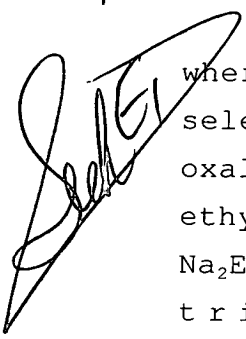
~~reaction steps~~

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~~28 (amended). The composition according to claim 14 where the composition comprises at least one further ingredient.~~

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~~30 (amended). The composition according to claim 14, comprising two different compounds which reduce the absorption of calcium from the drinking water and/or from the ration of said animal.~~

 31 (amended). The composition according to claim 30, wherein one compound is a zeolite and the other compound is selected from the group consisting of oxalic acid, sodium oxalate, phytic acid, a phytate, a clay mineral, ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) and its sodium salts Na₂EDTA and Na₄EDTA, trisodium nitrilotriacetate monohydrate, trisodium nitriloacetate, pentasodium diethylenetriaminepentaacetate, trisodium N-hydroxyethyl-ethylenediaminetriacetate, citric acid, a citrate, a polyphosphate, a tripolyphosphate, an orthophosphate and a cellulose phosphate.

REMARKS

1. General Matters

1.1. On the office action summary, the box "This action is FINAL" is not checked off. However, at page 2, lines 10-12, the body of the action states "A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action" (emphasis added). This text is from form paragraph 8.24 "Reply to Final Must Include Cancellation", in MPEP §821.01.

Nonetheless, the office action does not conclude with form paragraph 7.39 "Action is final", as required by MPEP §706.07 when a final rejection is made.

Hence, whatever the Examiner's intent, the present action cannot be treated as final.